

REMARKS

Re-examination and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicant notes that the Examiner has again not indicated the acceptability of the drawings filed in the application. Accordingly, Applicant believes that the drawings filed in this application are acceptable.

According to a feature of the present invention, an internet telephone has a function to convert a telephone number to an IP address. A plurality of network destination telephone apparatuses are provided on a local network. Each network destination telephone apparatus (e.g., internet telephone) has the same domain address, such as, for example, 192.168 (as shown in the Figs. of Applicant's drawings), based on the 6 top digits of the IP address. Each internet telephone (network destination telephone apparatus) has a unique address (e.g.; 1.1; 1.2; etc.), based on the 6 bottom digits of the IP address. In this way, unique address 1.1 of the network destination telephone address, for example, is converted to extension number (telephone number) 1001, while unique address 2.1 would be converted to extension number (telephone number) 2001 (see, for example, Fig. 1 and paragraph [0027] of Applicant's published application. In this way, a DNS server is not required to convert the telephone extension (telephone number) to an IP address, as each network destination telephone apparatus has the same domain (e.g., 192.168).

The Examiner rejects claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, asserting that the claims are incomplete for omitting an essential element. In setting forth this rejection, the Examiner asserts that Fig. 6 of the drawings refer to the inputting of a

telephone number, while paragraph [0056] teaches that “a telephone number not extension number must be inputted from a user first” (see paragraph 2 of the Detailed Action portion of the Office Action).

Applicant respectfully traverses this ground of rejection. Applicant submits that the specification of the present application interchangeably employs the phrases “telephone number” and “extension number”. Applicant refers the Examiner to, for example, paragraph [0025] of the published application of the instant application, wherein it states “a telephone number (extension number) assigned to each Internet telephone, on a network, corresponds to each IP address”. Similarly, paragraph [0027] of Applicant’s published application notes that “telephone number (extension number) 1001 is assigned to Internet telephone A1”. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the use of the expression “telephone number” is synonymous with the use of the expression “extension number”. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the claims of the present application do not omit an essential element, and respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection.

In this regard, while Applicant believes that further amendments to the claims are not required, Applicant herewith revises the claims to clarify that an extension number of a network destination telephone apparatus is inputted via a key pad. Applicant submits that this clarification provides an additional ground for concluding that the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection no longer exists.

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection of claims 1-12.

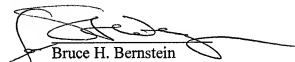
In view of the fact that the art of record fails to disclose or even suggest Applicant's invention, as defined by the pending claims, Applicant believes the present application to be in condition for allowance.

Any amendments to the claim which have been made in this amendment, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should it be determined that an extension of time is required in order to render this response timely and/or complete, a formal request for an extension of time, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), is herewith made in an amount equal to the time period required to render this response timely and/or complete. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this response, or the present application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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